

**TOWN OF FREMONT NH
2008 TOWN MEETING MINUTES**

**FIRST SESSION FOR VOTING: TUESDAY MARCH 11, 2008 TO BE HELD AT THE
FREMONT SAFETY COMPLEX AT 425 MAIN STREET IN FREMONT NEW HAMPSHIRE
TIME: 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM**

Moderator Robert Rydeen opened the first session of the 2008 Fremont Town Meeting at 8:00 am at the Fremont Safety Complex, 425 Main Street. The Town and School Warrants were read. Thirty (30) Absentee Ballots were received by 2:00 pm. The signatures were verified and the ballots cast. No other absentee ballots were received by 5:00 pm. The polls closed at 7:00 pm and the counting of ballots began.

There are 2,775 registered voters. There were eighteen (18) new registrants on Election Day. There were a total of 674 ballots cast including the absentee ballots. Write in votes of less than five (5) votes are not reported here. A full election report including every write in is available at the Town Clerk's Office. The results of the Election are as follows:

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Selectman - 3 years

Joseph Dreyer 529
Tom McGall 11

Joseph Dreyer declared the winner

Road Agent - 1 year

Guerwood Holmes 537
Jeremy Lennon 7
Leon Holmes Jr 5

Guerwood Holmes declared the winner

Trustee of the Trust Funds - 3 years

Write Ins:

Betty Stanley 5
Lori Holmes 5

**Betty Stanley & Lori Holmes
declared the winners**

Moderator - 2 years

Robert Rydeen 547

Robert Rydeen declared the winner

Library Trustees - 3 years

John Hennelly 534

John Hennelly declared the winner

Treasurer - 3 years

Kimberly Dunbar 544

Kimberly Dunbar declared the winner

Budget Committee - 2 for 3 yrs

Charles Kimball 512

Write Ins:

Keith Stanton 18
Brett Hunter 5
Jeanne Nygren 5

**Charles Kimball and Keith Stanton declared
the winners**

Library Trustees - 1 year

Meredith Patrick 52

Meredith Patrick declared the winner

Supervisors of Checklist - 2 years

Neal Janvrin 372

Carole Heath 221

Neal Janvrin declared the winner

Supervisors of Checklist – 6 years

Elizabeth Rand 434

Susan D'Eon 129

Elizabeth Rand declared the winner

Cemetery Trustee – 3 years

Robert Stackpole 559

Robert Stackpole declared the winner

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of amending Article IX Section G of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

In accordance with RSA 482-A:15 the wetland system commonly known as “Spruce Swamp” *and other designated wetland systems* as described in documents and maps filed by the Planning Board and Conservation Commission with the Town Clerk and the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, is hereby designated as prime wetland.

The Planning Board recommends this article.

YES 502 NO 141 Article passed by ballot vote.

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of amending Article XI Section E-1: AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance as follows:

~~1. Minimum Lot Size~~

~~The minimum lot size within the Aquifer Protection District for each dwelling unit if a residential use, or each principal building if a non-residential use, shall be three (3) acres, or 130,680 square feet.~~

***Section E-1.** The minimum lot size within the Aquifer Protection District shall be three (3) acres. Lots containing up to four (4) units shall contain an additional eighteen thousand (18,000) square feet per unit. Lots containing five (5) or more units shall contain an additional thirty thousand (30,000) square feet per unit. No lot shall have more than one (1) residential structure regardless of the number of dwelling units.*

(See also Article IX Section F, See also Article XI, Section E-6)

***Section E-1a.** Setback requirements shall be those as defined by Article IV Section 1*

***Section E-1b.** Lot frontage requirements shall be those as defined by Article IV Section 2.*

The Planning Board recommends this article.

YES 469 NO 165 Article passed by ballot vote.

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of amending and replacing “sign types” in the Fremont Zoning Ordinance currently Article III Section 3 as follows:

~~The following types of signs only shall be permitted: Town, State and Federal Highway directional and regulatory signs, historic signs, those relating to the sale or lease of the premises, the profession or home occupation of the occupant, property restriction signs, identification signs for residences, the sale of goods or products sold on the premises except that in such case no signs or group of signs shall exceed twenty five (25) square feet in area and shall not be placed so as to obstruct view on Highway.~~

Fremont Sign Ordinance

1.1. PURPOSE

This ordinance regulates all new or materially altered signs in the Town of Fremont.

- A. *The primary purpose of a sign is to convey information.*
- B. *Depending on their size, density (of both the letters on individual signs as well as overall signage in the town), and character, signs may attract or repel visitors, affect the visual quality enjoyed daily by residents, affect the safety of vehicular traffic, and define the character of the area. Thus signage may impact prosperity, aesthetics, public health, safety and welfare.*

This ordinance does not regulate the specific content of signage. This ordinance only regulates aspects of the time, place and manner of signage for the following purposes:

- 1) *Maintain and enhance the visual quality or aesthetics of the community;*
- 2) *Improve pedestrian and motorist safety by minimizing distractions and obstacles to clear views of the road and of directional or warning signs;*
- 3) *Improve motorist safety by encouraging fewer words per sign;*
- 4) *Protect and enhance the visual and scenic quality of the community's night sky by limiting light pollution emitted from signs and restricting the hours of lighting of signs;*
- 5) *Protect and enhance economic viability by assuring that Fremont will be a visually pleasant place to live, work and shop;*
- 6) *Protect property values and private/public investments in property;*
- 7) *Protect scenic views of the natural landscape and significant historical areas of the Town of Fremont, which contribute to both the economic viability of Fremont and the welfare of its residents;*
- 8) *Avoid personal injury and property damage from structurally unsafe signs; and*
- 9) *Provide businesses with effective and efficient opportunities for identification by reducing competing demands for visual attention.*

1.2 DEFINITIONS

Abandoned sign. *An abandoned sign is:*

- a) *Any sign that does not display a well-maintained message for a consecutive one hundred and twenty (120) day period.*
- b) *Any sign the owner of which cannot be located after reasonable efforts have been made;*
or
- c) *Any sign no longer fully supported, by the structure designed to support the sign, for a consecutive one hundred and twenty (120) day period.*
- d) *Any sign no longer advertising bona fide business and or products sold.*

Agriculture. *Land and associated buildings whose primary use is to produce crops or livestock or to provide boarding or storage facilities for agricultural products or animals.*

Billboard. *A sign that directs attention to a business, commodity, service, or entertainment conducted, sold or offered at a location other than the premises on which the sign is located.*

Directional sign. *A sign on private property without a commercial message that gives direction such as entrances, exits, or street numbers.*

Electronic message board. *A sign with a fixed or changing display/message composed of a series of lights that may be changed through electronic means. A time and/or temperature sign which does not display any other changeable message shall not be considered an electronic message board.*

Government sign. *A sign authorized by this municipality, another governmental agency, the State of New Hampshire, or the federal government.*

Inflatable advertising device. An air-filled or helium-filled structure – including, but not limited to those in the likeness of a figure such as an animal, character, or hot air balloon – intended to draw attention to a particular business.

Materially altered. Any change in construction materials for the supporting structures, location, lighting or form (shape, proportions) but not changes in content or wording. Reuse of the same supporting structure and replacement with a new sign of the same dimensions of the previous sign by a new tenant that does not change construction materials of the supporting structures, location, lighting, or form shall not be considered materially altered.

Person. Any individual or entity, including a firm, partnership, association, corporation, limited liability company, trustee, and their legal successors.

Political sign. Banners, placards, roadside signs and the like promoting political candidates or positions on political issues.

Promotional sign. A sign that advertises a special or temporary event.

Roof sign. A sign erected, constructed, or maintained upon a roof, or which projects above the roofline of a building.

Sandwich-board sign. Any A-frame style sign, typically temporary and portable, having two sides, and less than six (6) square feet in total surface area per side.

Seasonal sign. A sign that specifically relates to one of the seasons of the year, including but not limited to the harvest season of a particular agricultural product of a seasonally-based recreational activity.

Sign. An object, including a structure, movable object, wall or image displaying any message visible to the public. Notices legally placed on public property and removed on a daily basis are not considered signs. Letters or numbers individually painted on or attached to a face of a building that identify only the address of the occupant are not considered a sign.

Signs, permitted with a permit. The following sign types are permitted with a permit, and are defined in section 1.5 of this ordinance: Awning Signs, Freestanding Post Signs, Hanging or Suspended Signs, Monument Signs, Multi-Tenant Signs, Pole Signs, Projecting Signs, Residential Subdivision Signs, Wall Signs, and Window Signs.

Special event sign. A sign for events such as festivals, benefits, and other limited term events.

1.3 SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITHOUT A SIGN PERMIT:

Subject to other applicable requirements and permits, the following signs are authorized **without a permit**:

- A. **Small signs.** Personal non-commercial signs are permitted, provided they are not illuminated.
- B. **No trespassing signs** may be posted as follows, pursuant to this ordinance and RSA 635:4.
- C. **“For Sale” signs.** Signs pertaining to the lease, sale, or use of the land or buildings on which it is placed, including signs advertising products or articles sold or produced on the premises may be posted, provided they are not illuminated.
- D. **Governmental signs.** Governmental signs do not require a permit. These signs include highway, park, or other regulatory or informational signs of municipal, county, state or local government.
- E. **Directional signs.** Signs that provide driving directions do not require a permit; however, only one entrance/exit sign is allowed per legal driveway and a directional sign may not exceed 1.5 square feet not block the sightlines of drivers entering or exiting the property.
- F. **Warning signs.** Signs exclusively devoted to warning the public of dangerous conditions and unusual hazards such as drop offs, high voltage, fire danger, and explosives do not require a permit. Warning signs shall not exceed three square feet.
- G. **Historical, Cultural and Natural Site signs.** A sign erected by a governmental agency, which exclusively denotes a recognized historical, cultural or natural site, does not require a permit. This sign shall not exceed three square feet unless otherwise provided by state or federal law.

- H. **Banners.** *Banners used on a private residential property, such as those used for family events or birthdays do not require a permit so long as they remain in place for no longer than seven days. Banners shall be no larger than thirty (30) square feet. For example, a banner with dimensions of three (3) feet by ten (10) feet, or five (5) feet by six (6) feet, or two (2) feet by fifteen (15) feet would be permitted. Banners used by a non-profit organization for a special event coordinated with the Town do not require a permit, so long as they do not obstruct the view of motorists and remain in place no longer than seven (7) days.*
- I. **Political signs.** *Political signs, during periods specified by the Board of Selectmen, do not require permits. Political signs should not be placed in areas where they will create a traffic safety hazard due to obstruction of the sightlines at intersections or driveways. **Political signs are not regulated by this Ordinance. Please refer to RSA664:17.***
- J. **Flags.**
 - 1) **Governmental flags.** *National, state, and local flags do not require a permit. A flagpole may not exceed thirty (30) feet above ground level for the purposes set forth in this ordinance.*
 - 2) **“Open” flags.** *Flags noting that a business is open to customers do not need a permit provided that they are put up and taken down consistently with the hours of operation of any business that displays them. Open flags shall be no larger than nine square feet.*

1.4 **PROHIBITED SIGNS**

- A. **Inflatable advertising devices.** *Inflatable devices, such as, but not limited to, inflatable animals, characters, or large balloons, shall not be allowed in the Village District or the Flexible Use Residential District due to their negative effect on the scenic and aesthetic qualities of the town and potential safety hazard. An individual balloon or group of balloons, which when inflated, no dimension of which is greater than two (2) feet, placed at a height no greater than twelve (12) feet above ground level, is permitted so long as the balloon(s) does not become a safety hazard by obstructing the view of motorists or remain in place longer than seven (7) days.*
- B. **Billboards.** *No billboard not existing at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance shall be permitted. A billboard is defined as that type of sign that advertises goods, products, merchandise, business, or any other sort of enterprise or adventure not actually available at the premises where the billboard is located.*
- C. **Portable sign.** *A portable sign not permanently attached to the ground or other permanent structure and designed to be transported by means of wheels shall be prohibited.*
- D. **Vehicles.** *No vehicle which is used primarily as an advertising display may be parked on any street or parking lot or any place within the Town of Fremont, except vehicles displaying temporary political advertising that shall be placed and removed within the period designated by the Board of Selectmen for each election. For the purposes of the subparagraph “vehicle” includes but is not limited to vans, trailers, automobiles or trucks with signs or placards on their exterior or interior.*
- E. **Electronic message boards and flashing signs.** *Signs containing electronic message boards shall be prohibited. Signs that flash, rotate, or otherwise create movement are prohibited. This includes time/temperature signs.*
- F. **Sandwich/Sidewalk Signs.** *A moveable sign not secured or attached to the ground or surface upon which it is located. Typically an advertising sign constructed to form an “A” or a tent-like shape.*
- G. **Signs in the Right-of-Way:** *No signs shall be allowed in the Town or State Right-of-Way.*
- H. **Highly Reflective and Fluorescent Signs.** *Signs made wholly or partially of highly reflective materials and/or fluorescent or day-glow painted signs.*

- I. **Pole Signs:** *A sign that is supported by, or suspended from one free-standing column.*

1.5 **SIGNS AUTHORIZED WITH A PERMIT: SIGN STANDARDS BY SIGN TYPE**

This section is intended to be used in conjunction with other standards contained in this sign ordinance. In no case may the maximum number or size of signs, or their illumination, exceed the standards provided by Section 1.6, Additional Sign Regulations.

A. **Wall Signs**

1. **Definition.** *A sign attached to, painted upon, placed against, or supported by the exterior surface of any building.*
2. **Signage Guidelines.** *Wall signs include most types of signage that are attached to the face of a building wall. These include channel letter made out of wood, metal or plastic. Wall signs may be painted on a wall, or on a board that is attached to a wall. Wall signs should be oriented to achieve balanced composition and harmony with other architectural elements of a building façade. Wall signs should be placed on a flat building surface and should not be placed over or otherwise obscure architectural building features.*
3. **Location and Number Permitted.** *Wall signs must be located on a building face that has a public entrance. The maximum number of wall signs permitted is one (1) per tenant space.*
4. **Size.** *Wall signs shall not exceed an area of one half (1/2) of a square foot of sign for every one (1) linear foot of building (or business) facing the street. Wall signs with changeable copy are limited to fifty (50%) percent of the total sign area.*
5. **Zoning.** *Wall signs are allowed in Village, Corporate Commercial and Commercial Highway Districts.*

B. **Window Signs.**

1. **Definition.** *A sign affixed to the interior or exterior of a window or placed immediately behind a windowpane so as to attract the attention of person outside the building.*
2. **Signage Guidelines.** *Window signs should be scaled to the pedestrian and oriented to the window shopper on the sidewalk, as opposed to vehicles passing by. Window signs should be limited to small graphics and text that serve to frame a window or to provide information. A window sign should not **obscure the view into a store or place of business.***
3. **Location and Number.** *There is no specific location requirement or limit to the number of window signs allowed. A window sign is a sign that is painted on or attached to a window and located within twelve (12) inches of the face of a window. Window signs do not include business hours of operation or open/closed signs. Window displays, including merchandise displays, graphics and text, that are located more than twelve inches from the face of a window are not considered signs.*
4. **Size.** *Sign coverage on an individual window may cover up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) square feet or fifteen (15%) percent of each window area, whichever is less.*
5. **Zoning.** *Window signs are allowed in Village, Corporate Commercial and Commercial Highway Districts.*

C. Awning Signs.

1. **Definition.** A sign incorporated into or attached to an awning.
2. **Signage Guidelines.** Signs on awnings should be minimized and are only appropriate if there are no good alternatives for wall signs, projecting signs or hanging and suspended signs. Signage should be limited to the skirt of the awning and should not be on the awning face. Signs should only be considered for the awning face if there is no other adequate location for the signage on a given storefront or property. Backlit translucent awning signs are not allowed.
3. **Location and Number.** Signs may be located on awnings subject to size criteria. One (1) awning sign is permitted per tenant space and must maintain a minimum clearance of eight (8) feet above any public right-of-way or private sidewalk area.
4. **Size.** Signs on Awnings shall only be located on the skirt or vertical face and may only be a maximum of one (1) foot high. Awning signs shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet, as shown in the figure below.
5. **Zoning.** Awning signs may be located in Village, Corporate Commercial and Commercial Highway zones.

D. Projecting Signs.

1. **Definition.** A sign affixed to any part of a building or a structure that extends beyond the building or structure by more than twelve (12) inches.
2. **Signage Guidelines.** Projecting signs are attached to a building face and project out perpendicular to the building wall. Projecting signs are very effective when oriented to the pedestrians on the sidewalk level. Appropriate materials include wood and metal with carved or applied lettering, or any other material that is architecturally compatible with the building that the sign is attached to. Multiple projecting signs should not be installed within ten (10) feet of each other if on the same property and should be separated from projecting signs on adjacent properties by ten (10) feet to ensure proper visibility.
3. **Location and Number.** Projecting signs must be attached to building facades that have a public entrance and must maintain a minimum clearance of eight (8) feet above the public right-of-way or private sidewalk area. One (1) projecting sign is allowed per tenant space.
4. **Size.** Projecting signs may have a maximum area of eight (8) square feet.
5. **Zoning.** Projecting signs are allowed in the Village, Corporate Commercial and Commercial Highway Districts.

*A. **Exception:** The Planning Board, at its' determination through Site Plan Review, may allow for and determine the appropriate location and size of projecting signs in the Flexible Use District referenced in Article XVIII Section 4.1.1 of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance.*

E. Hanging and Suspended Signs.

1. **Definition.** A sign that is suspended parallel, or perpendicular from a building wall, roof, façade, canopy, marquee, or porch by means of brackets, hooks or chains and the like.

2. **Signage Guidelines.** *Hanging signs, or suspended signs, are used to help define entries and identify business names to pedestrians. They are small and can hang over a building entry if the appropriate clearance is provided. Hanging signs can be particularly useful for storefronts that have multiple tenants.*
3. **Location and Number.** *Hanging or suspended signs must be attached to building facades that have a public entrance and must maintain a minimum clearance of eight (8) feet above any public right-of-way or private sidewalk area. One hanging or suspended sign is allowed per tenant space.*
4. **Size.** *Hanging signs may have a maximum area of eight (8) square feet and a maximum of twelve (12) inches in height.*
5. **Zoning.** *Hanging and suspended signs are allowed in Village, Corporate Commercial and Commercial Highway Districts.*
 - A. **Exception:** *The Planning Board, at its' determination through Site Plan Review, may allow for and determine the appropriate location and size of projecting signs in the Flexible Use District referenced in Article XVIII Section 4.1.1 of the Fremont Zoning Ordinance.*

F. Monument Signs.

1. **Definition.** *A freestanding sign supported primarily by an internal structural framework or integrated into landscaping or other solid structural features other than support poles. The base of the sign structure shall be on the ground or a maximum of twelve (12) inches above the adjacent grade. The width of the top of the sign shall not be greater than the width of the bottom of the sign.*
2. **Signage Guidelines.** *Monument signs are typically used where building setbacks, orientation or design make it difficult to provide other types of signage, such as wall signs, that are plainly visible to people that are trying to identify the use. Monument signs have a solid base that the sign face is installed upon. These signs should be designed so that the style of the sign and its base are consistent with the architecture of the building on the site. They are typically oriented perpendicular to the adjacent street and sidewalk and have a maximum of two (2) parallel sign faces. Monument signs provide opportunities for landscaping to enhance their appearance.*
3. **Location and Number Permitted.** *Monument signs are subject to the setback requirement in section 1.6 C. Only one (1) monument sign is permitted per parcel.*
4. **Size.** *Monument signs may be a maximum of forty (40) square feet in the FUR and V districts, and a maximum of sixty (60) square feet in the Corporate Highway and Corporate Commercial Districts. The maximum height of a monument sign is six (6) feet, from the adjacent grade, in all districts. Where two (2) or more uses are located on the same premises, the sign area for monument signs must be shared. The largest single sign face is used to calculate the area of monument signs.*
5. **Zoning.** *Monument signs are allowed in all Zoning Districts.*

G. Freestanding Post Signs.

1. **Definition.** *A freestanding sign supported primarily by two (2) support poles. The base of the sign structure shall be on the ground or a maximum of twelve (12) inches above the adjacent*

grade. The width of the top of the sign shall not be greater than the width of the bottom of the sign.

2. **Signage Guidelines.** Freestanding post signs are primarily used to identify office uses, especially where a former residence has been converted into an office. They are similar to monument signs, except they do not have a base other than the support posts, they usually have a single sign face, and they are usually oriented parallel to the sidewalk instead of perpendicular. The colors and materials used for the sign must be compatible with the associated building design. Lettering should be carved, routed or applied as opposed to painted on a flat board.
3. **Location and Number.** Monument signs are subject to the setback requirement is section 1.6 C. Only one (1) monument sign is permitted per premises, per street frontage.
4. **Size.** The maximum sign area for freestanding post signs is thirty-two (32) square feet. Freestanding post signs shall not be taller than ten (10) feet, measured from the ground to the top of the sign structure. Where two (2) or more uses are located on the same premises, the sign area for freestanding post signs must be shared.
5. **Zoning.** Freestanding post signs are allowed in all Zoning Districts.

H. Multi-Tenant Signs.

1. **Definition.** A freestanding sign used to advertise businesses that occupy a shopping center or complex of two (2) or more tenants located on the same parcel.
2. **Signage Guidelines.** Multi-Tenant Signs are used for multi-tenant buildings, or parcels, to provide a directory of tenants within a building or parcel. These signs should be compatible with the design of the development. Larger developments with more than five (5) tenants should avoid listing individual tenants, other than project anchors, to avoid sign clutter. The sign structure should contain elements of the design theme of the building, or buildings, within the development.
3. **Location and Number.** One (1) Multi-Tenant sign may be located on each major street frontage, with an entrance to the property, of a development.
4. **Size.** Multi-Tenant signs may have a maximum area of ninety-six (96) square feet in the Corporate Commercial, Corporate Highway and Village Districts and thirty-two (32) square feet in the Flexible Use Residential District. Multi-Tenant signs may have a maximum height of twelve (12) feet in the CC, CH and V districts and eight (8) feet in the Flexible Use Residential District.
5. **Zoning.** Multi-Tenant signs may be located in all Zoning Districts.

I. Residential Subdivision Signs.

1. **Definition.** A permanent sign at the entrance of a residential neighborhood identifying the neighborhood.
2. **Signage Guidelines.** The purpose of residential Subdivision signs is to identify the name of a subdivision, provided the subdivision is not an in-fill project within an established

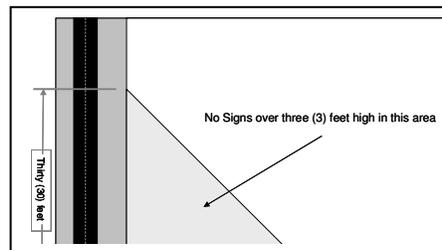
neighborhood. They are usually monument signs or wall signs placed on a wall feature in a landscaped open space area at the entry of the development.

2a. Temporary Subdivision Signs. Signs that advertise the subdivision and lots available are allowed, but all temporary signs shall be removed at the time the road is accepted at Town Meeting.

3. **Location and Number.** One (1) permanent residential subdivision sign is allowed at each entrance of a subdivision. These signs are not permitted unless they are located within a landscaped area that is maintained by a homeowner's association.
4. **Size.** Each sign may be up to twenty (20) square feet and shall not be taller than six (6) feet, measured from the ground to the top of the sign structure.
5. **Zoning.** Residential subdivision signs are allowed in all Zoning Districts.

1.6 ADDITIONAL SIGN STANDARDS

- A. **Number of Signs.** A non-residential parcel may have one (1) sign attached to the building (Wall Sign, Awning Sign, Projecting Sign, or Hanging or Suspended Sign) and one (1) free standing sign (Monument Sign, Freestanding Post Sign, Pole Sign or Multi-Tenant Sign). Window Signs do not count towards the sign total.
- B. **Sightlines.** No sign shall project within the limits of a Town or State Right-of-Way (except when put up by the State or Town authorities having jurisdiction over such highway) or be placed so as to obstruct the view at any highway intersection or so as to endanger traffic.
- C. **Setbacks.** All signs must be set back at least ten (10) feet from all side property lines. A sign must not impair a motorist's visibility of oncoming traffic. Signs over three (3) feet tall are not allowed in the triangle depicted below. At actual intersections, this area will likely not be a right triangle.



- D. **Visibility of Letters and Numbers.** Letters and numbers on a sign shall be clearly visible. Letters of the name of the business or product advertised shall be consistent with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, but may be larger. It is recommended that business owners convey a clear simple message containing the name of the business and the nature of the business and avoid secondary information where possible.
- E. **Illumination.** Signs should be lighted only to the minimum level required for nighttime readability. The intent is to light only the sign, and not create glare onto adjacent properties or onto the right of way. All external light sources shall be white. Lighting that is directed toward a sign shall be designed and shielded so that it illuminates the face of the sign and does not shine beyond the edge of the sign. Internal illumination of an entire sign panel is discouraged. If internal illumination is used, a system that backlights sign text only is required. The Planning Board may set the hours that a sign is illuminated.

- F. **Special Event signs.** Temporary signs for business-related special events or promotions shall be allowed for a period not to exceed fourteen days and not more frequently than once a year and they are subject to these restrictions:
- 1) They shall be placed on private property only, not in public rights of way.
 - 2) They shall in no way impede sightlines at any driveway entrance or exit.
 - 3) They shall be no larger than twenty four (24) inches wide by thirty six (36) inches high. (This does not apply to persons or animals serving as animated signs.)
 - 4) No electrical devices shall be used in conjunction with these types of signs.
 - 5) A maximum of one (1) such sign shall be allowed per business.
 - 6) The signs shall be removed each day when the business is not operating.
- G. **Seasonal signs.** Temporary signs that advertise a seasonal event, activity, or harvested product, such as but not limited to “ice skating” or “pumpkins” shall be allowed for a period not to exceed one (1) month.
Seasonal signs must be durable in nature, and shall be no larger than thirty (30) square feet. A business may be allowed one (1) seasonal sign in addition to other allowed existing signs. Seasonal signs must meet all other restrictions concerning sightlines, height, and placement concerning ground and wall signs.
- H. **Non-Permitted Signs.** Sign types that are not specifically allowed under this ordinance are forbidden.

1.7 PERMITTING

All proposed signs shall be identified on incoming plan sets, and receive approval of the Planning Board. Existing signs that are allowed by permit (section 1.5) may be modified or changed with a permit issued by the Building Inspector. Changing the location of an existing sign, not attached to a building, requires the approval of the Planning Board.

1.8 INSPECTION AND COMPLIANCE

It shall be the responsibility of the Building Inspector or Code Enforcement Officer to ensure compliance with this ordinance within the Town of Fremont.

1.9 NOTICE

If the Building Inspector finds that any sign does not comply with this ordinance or is in his/her opinion unsafe, or in disrepair, then he/she shall immediately notify the owners to correct the improper condition. Owners who do not correct the provision shall be found in violation of this Zoning Ordinance and any such sign shall be declared a public nuisance, and after ninety (90) days the Town, at its sole discretion, may remove the sign at the owner’s expense.

1.10 NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE

All legally existing signs which did not conform to the provisions of this ordinance on March 11, 2008, shall be considered legally existing, non-conforming signs.

1.11 FINES

1. Any violation of this Ordinance is punishable by a civil penalty of two hundred and seventy five (\$275) dollars for the first offence and five hundred and fifty (\$550) dollars for subsequent offences for each day that such violation is found by the court to continue after conviction date or after the date on which the violator receives written notice from the municipality that he is in violation of the ordinance, whichever date is earlier. The

provisions of RSA 676:17 II, III, IV and V are incorporated as part of this section.

The Planning Board recommends this article.

YES 378 NO 255 Article passed by ballot vote.

ARTICLE 5: By petition: "Shall the Town of Fremont, New Hampshire vote to adopt all provisions of SB2, (RSA 40:13, "official ballot voting") on all issues before the Town of Fremont NH." This article to be voted on the second Tuesday of March 2008.

**YES 424 NO 239 Article passed by ballot vote.
Needed 398 votes to pass. 3/5-majority vote required.**

**SECOND SESSION: SATURDAY MARCH 15, 2008 TO BE HELD AT THE ELLIS SCHOOL AT 432 MAIN STREET IN FREMONT NEW HAMPSHIRE
TIME: 5:00 PM**

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE DISCUSSION SESSION OF TOWN MEETING WILL BE RECESSED TO 9:00 AM ON SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2008 AT THE ELLIS SCHOOL.

Moderator Rydeen called the second session of the Fremont Town Meeting to order at 5:10 pm at the Ellis School on Saturday, March 15, 2008.

He introduced the head table. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Peter Bolduc, Donald Gates Jr, Selectman-elect Joe Dreyer; Town Administrator Heidi Carlson, Town Clerk Lori Holmes and Town Counsel John Ryan. There were approximately 120 voters present.

Police Chief Neal Janvrin lead the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence on the passing of Barbara Baker, who served as Supervisor of the Checklist for 28 years, as well as Library Trustee for 12 years. Chief Janvrin also extended well wishes to Fire Chief Dick Heselton.

Moderator Rydeen stated that he had received a petition that on Articles 8, 10, 12, 14, & 19 be by ballot vote. The signatures were verified. He stated that voting would be for a half hour on each of the ballot vote articles. No new business would be conducted during the first 15 minutes of voting, but discussion on the next article would take place during the last 15 minutes the polls were open. He felt that the first 15 minutes would be ample time for the majority of residents present to vote. If more time were needed, discussion on the next article would wait.

Moderator Rydeen read the results of the Election for Town Officials held on Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

He asked for a show of hands if the audience would like to restrict the speakers to Town residents only. The exceptions to this would be Town Administrator Heidi Carlson and Town Counsel John Ryan. All present were in favor.

He reminded the audience that all questions are to be addressed to the Moderator.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 6: To hear the report of the Budget Committee and take any action the Town deems necessary.

Gene Cordes moved Article 6. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Andy Kohlhofer, Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee, read a portion of the Budget Committee's report that was written in the Town Report.

Neal Janvrin asked if the Budget Committee had taken the new wage study into consideration when their decision regarding wages was made. Andy Kohlhofer said the wage study was not done in time for the Budget Committee to review and use when making their decisions.

Peg Pinkham, Budget Committee member, stated she did not support the 2 percent increase proposed by the Budget Committee. She supports a step increase and a COLA. She said the COLA average now is 4.6%. Her personal opinion is that she would like to see a COLA and step increase. She further said she would like the Selectman to share the wage study information with everyone in attendance.

Gene Cordes said the Selectmen have seen the wage study draft, but have not had the opportunity to review it in great lengths. The Board needs more time to review and give proper consideration and will make a recommendation for next year's wages.

Reese Bassett spoke about the amount of training and certification each new police officer must go through. He said the officers currently employed with the Town must keep current with training and certifications. He explained how the Town trains new officers, invests a lot of time and money into these new officers and once they are "seasoned" and have experience under their belts, the officers move on because more money can be made elsewhere. He believes raises for the employees are imperative. He feels it will help keep the officers in place and services can continue without interruption.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to designate the following as Town Officer Salaries for the calendar year 2008:

Town Officer Position	Current Salary / Stipend	Selectmen 2008 Proposed	Budget Committee 2008 Proposed
Selectmen	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500
Moderator	\$250	\$250	\$250

Cemetery Ttees	\$375	\$450	\$450
Road Agent	\$4,380	\$4,511	\$4,466
Supervisors of Checklist	\$1,140	\$3,850	\$3,450
Tax Collector	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500
Dep Tax Collector	\$5,300	\$5,300	\$5,300
Town Clerk *	\$33,681	\$34,700	\$34,700
Dep Town Clerk	\$16,686	\$17,186	\$17,186
Treasurer	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$4,600
Dep Treasurer	\$200	\$200	\$200
Trustees of Trust Funds	\$625	\$625	\$625

* This position also receives two weeks paid vacation and six sick days.

No money is raised in Article 7. The funding is included in Article 8 below, within the pertinent departmental operating budget. (Majority vote required).

Peter Bolduc moved Article 7. Gene Cordes seconded.

Gene Cordes gave explanation regarding the format of Article 7. Selectmen feel that since Town Officials are elected by the people that their compensation should be voted on by the people.

Don Gates made a motion to recommend the Selectmen's proposal for Town Official salaries. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Article 7 passed by show of hands.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 8: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for general municipal operations, exclusive of all other warrant articles. The Budget Committee recommends two million three hundred seventy-eight thousand ninety-five dollars (\$2,378,095) and the Board of Selectmen recommend two million four hundred sixteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$2,416,250). (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved Article 8. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Peg Pinkham asked for a point of clarification regarding when we ask for more money, if it would be with this article. She said she was asking because Guerwood Holmes wanted to amend the bottom line of the operating budget for the Highway Department.

Road Agent Guerwood Holmes then came to the microphone and asked to amend the bottom line dollar amount to include an additional \$58,000 for the Highway Department. He read through a list of line items and the dollar amounts included.

Gene Cordes then spoke regarding the resignation of our current trash contractor. He stated that the Selectmen are currently reviewing bid proposals for trash pick up and recycling but that a decision is pending additional funds being voted. The Board feels that an additional \$45,000 needs to be placed in the budget to cover the anticipated new contract costs.

Gene Cordes then made a motion to amend the bottom line from \$2,416,250 to \$2,519,250. Seconded by Don Gates.

Don Miller asked if the Town could do anything about being left by Hussey while his contract is still current. He also asked if Hussey had a performance bond.

Gene Cordes said the Board felt that there is nothing the Town could do regarding Hussey ending his services before his contract expired. He also stated that there is no performance bond currently in place.

Bob Larson asked if recyclables would be part of the contract. Heidi Carlson answered yes.

Gene Cordes spoke about the current proposed bids and how they include toters. He explained to the audience what toters are and how many surrounding communities use them. The Selectmen are reviewing the use of toters. The bidding contactors believe Fremont would recycle more, hence saving the community money in tipping fees.

The vote to amend Article 8 passed by card vote. The operating budget being voted upon is \$2,519,250. Article 8 is a ballot vote. Moderator Rydeen opened the polls at 6:15 pm.

At 6:30 pm Moderator Rydeen announced the polls would be open for 15 more minutes and proceeded to read Article 9.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000) to be placed in existing Capital Reserve Funds for the following purposes. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

- a. Police Cruiser \$12,500
- b. Radio Communication Equipment \$5,000
- c. Fire Truck \$12,500
- d. Highway Equipment \$20,000
- e. Highway Building \$15,000
- f. Property Revaluation \$25,000
- g. Town Hall Renovations \$25,000

Gene Cordes moved Article 9. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Guerwood Holmes spoke about the capital reserve items. He said that in 2008 he bought a new sander that came out of the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. He said he was going to try to put together a program in 2009 to come back for construction of a building.

Andy Kohlhofer talked about the Budget Committee's recommending that departments put purchases off until the end of the year to save money in interest (because tax money comes in at the end of the year.)

Breeda Royer spoke about the Capital Reserve Fund for property revaluation.

Heidi Carlson explained full revaluation versus partial revaluation and the certification process for NH DRA which occurs every five years.

Moderator Rydeen read the results of Article 8: **YES 88 NO 19**
Article 8 as amended passed by ballot vote.

Discussion of Article 9 resumed.

Reese Bassett stated the Police Department had seriously considered asking for an unmarked vehicle for assistance in juvenile cases and for training classes in Concord. The purchase of a vehicle would be about \$16,000 and additional equipment installed (radio setup and other outfitting) would add approximately \$6,000 for a total needed of \$22,000 for this vehicle. He asked if a new Capital Reserve Fund could be created. Heidi Carlson stated that would not be legal, but that item A; the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund could have the dollar amount amended up if the voting body chose.

Reese Bassett made a motion to amend item A up by \$11,000; the Police Cruiser Fund from \$12,500 to \$23,500. Peg Pinkham seconded.

Doug McElroy, Budget Committee member asked if the Town would need to buy another cruiser next year if an unmarked is purchased. Reese Bassett answered yes. He said the Police Department needed to keep up with the rotation of marked cruisers, but the unmarked vehicle being requested would cover the need for a separate vehicle for the reasons previously discussed.

Doug McElroy then asked if it was possible to get a third year out of the current vehicles, instead of purchasing a new cruiser every two years. Reese Bassett answered no. He said there are too many miles put on the current vehicles.

Moderator Rydeen stated that total amount being voted on was now \$126,000 for Article 9.

Andy Kohlhofer moved the question. Theresa Blades seconded.

Amendment passed by show of hands.
Article 9 as amended passed by show of hands.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of NH RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Town of Fremont Cable Access Fund for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Fremont Cable Access

Channel and associated expenses, to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents of said fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be placed in said fund. Said funds are to come from cable contract franchise fees and no amount is to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved Article 10. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Andy Kohlhofer said people have enjoyed watching the Budget Committee on the cable channel. He stated he likes having this feature available to the residents of Fremont.

Gene Cordes called the question. Peter Bolduc seconded. Article 10 is a ballot vote.

Moderator Rydeen declared the polls open at 7:05 pm. He stated that the polls would remain open for 20 minutes.

At 7:25 pm the Moderator announced the polls were closed.

The meeting resumed while ballots were being counted.

The Board of Selectmen; Gene Cordes, Peter Bolduc and Don Gates made a presentation to Charles Kimball for being chosen as the 2007 Town Report Appreciation recipient. He was presented a plaque and a Town of Fremont hat.

Reese Bassett moved to restrict reconsideration on articles 7, 8, and 9. Gene Cordes seconded. There was no discussion. Gene Cordes called the question. Reese Bassett seconded. **The vote passed by card vote.**

Moderator Rydeen read the results of Article 10: **YES 61 NO 42**
Article 10 passed by ballot vote.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand ninety-eight dollars (\$3,098) for the purchase of equipment to supplement the OHRV police patrol, including full face helmets, Scott rider safety goggles, ATV Safety gloves, Point Blank vests, Radio Com Ports, long and short sleeve patrol shirts, and Airtime Jackets; and further to authorize the withdrawal of three thousand ninety-eight dollars (\$3,098) from the PD OHRV Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved Article 11. Don Gates seconded.

Reese Bassett spoke to the Article. He explained that offender fines and fees created this fund. He said that no money was requested in 2007 because their equipment was up to date. This year there is a need to replace some equipment.

Tom Fontana asked if we are voting to raise the money or disburse it.

Heidi Carlson explained that this is required legal verbiage, and the article is about disbursing money already in the fund, thus with no impact to taxpayers.

Gene Cordes called the question. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Article 11 passed by show of hands.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-eight thousand three hundred twenty dollars (\$48,320) to continue the Public Health Mosquito Control Program. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

At this time Moderator Rydeen stepped down in order to speak on this article. He turned the meeting over to Assistant Moderator Michael Rydeen.

Gene Cordes moved Article 12. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Bob Rydeen stated that he does not like poisons, but he believes the spraying for mosquito control is a necessary evil.

Don Miller spoke in support of this article.

Peter Bolduc called the question. Gene Cordes seconded.

Article 12 is a ballot vote. Michael Rydeen declared the polls open at 7:35 pm. He stated that the polls would remain open for 20 minutes.

At 7:55 pm Bob Rydeen returned to moderate the meeting and announced the polls were closed. The meeting resumed while ballots were being counted.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to shim pave and do associated shoulder work on sections of Birch Haven, Rock n Pines, Sandown Road, and Pulaski Drive. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Peter Bolduc moved Article 13. Gene Cordes seconded.

Guerwood Holmes came to the microphone and said that some other roads in town are in worse shape than these, but it is only fair to go ahead with these roads now as they have been noted in the warrant, and hope the other roads will get back into shape after the winter thaw.

He then read through the list of road footages to be worked on, including Rock n Pine 850 feet, the whole road; Birch Haven 700 feet, the whole road; Pulaski Drive 600 feet, the whole road; and Sandown Road approximately 975 feet from the bridge to just past Whittier Drive. All roads end up to be an extra 2.5 inches thick of pavement averaged with the shim and seal.

He mentioned Leavitt, Shirkin and Rogers Roads as being in bad shape, but hoped they will come back together once the frost comes out. He recommends passing this article as it is written.

He then came back to the microphone and said he did not have pricing on the other roads, but wanted to leave it to the voters to decide.

The Moderator read the results of Article 12: **YES 85 NO 16 VOID 1**
Article 12 passed by ballot vote.

Sherri Ficker came to the microphone and talked about Shirkin Road being in rough shape and that it has a lot of traffic. She said Rogers Road was also rough. She asked if Holmes could even provide an estimate.

Holmes returned to the microphone and said he did not have an estimate, but used an estimate of approximately \$100,000 and said he probably could fix part of Leavitt and Shirkin to Rogers. He said a lot of material had to be torn up and removed; new material put in, and then repaved.

Gene Cordes asked if you could change the roads named in the article. John Ryan, Town Counsel, said he did not think you could change the designation of roads named within the article, indicating if we did, he did not think it would be legal.

Reese Bassett came back to the microphone and said that the road was in deplorable condition but that he had not heard any concerns yet about safety of emergency response.

Guerwood Holmes reiterated that these roads need to be fixed and he believes that it would take approximately \$100,000 to repair the roads the way they need to be repaired.

Warren Macleod stated that it needs to be done right, which means having an assessment done in the Spring.

Gene Cordes stated that Counsel advised that we cannot amend this article to other roads. He suggested that an assessment could be done and come back next year with a repair estimate.

Meredith Bolduc called the question. Reese Bassett seconded.

Article 13 passed by a show of hands.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of expansion /renovation of the Fremont Historic Museum and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in this fund. The Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved article 14. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Andy Kohlhofer went to the microphone and said that the Budget Committee did not recommend this article at first. At the public hearing the Budget Committee changed it's vote. He said there were concerns expressed by the Budget Committee including that any expansion would require a bathroom and septic system. The Budget Committee was not sure if the property could accommodate this.

Gene Cordes spoke saying if for some reason the town chooses down the road not to expand/renovate then we will not use these funds for that purpose.

Brian Royer stated he would like to amend the article to reflect the sum of \$1.00; and require the requestor to seek out appropriate grants for the purpose sought. After all, if pursuing grants are good enough for a school open 200 days a year, it's good enough for a museum open just two days a year. Breeda Royer seconded the amendment.

Matthew Thomas spoke saying this proposal is put forth by the Selectmen not the Historical Society, and supported by the Fire Department so that the hand tub can be moved from the Safety Complex. He said that many historical items are being stored at various locations around Fremont. There is a great need to bring all items under one roof. He is unsure as to how long people will be generous regarding housing / storing these historic artifacts.

Brian Royer asked what the intent of the Capital Reserve Fund was.

Gene Cordes said he believes some work needs to be done on the building. We need to see what needs to be done with the septic and then can address exactly what we need to do to expand at the current location. The Capital Reserve Fund would assist in paying for future improvements at this site.

Matthew Thomas explained how many days a year the museum is open, and that it is also open by appointment. He said there have been over 1,000 people who have visited the museum.

Brian Royer asked if there are grants available to aid in this renovation.

Matthew Thomas answered that there are none that he is aware of for building, only for renovations.

Renee King spoke saying this is our Town's history, and we can't lose that.

Brian Royer stated it is too open-ended for him. He would like to see a plan.

Amendment of \$1.00 was defeated by voice vote.

Article 14 is a ballot vote.

Moderator Rydeen declared the polls open at 8:23 pm. He stated that the polls would remain open for 20 minutes.

At 8:45 pm the Moderator announced the polls were closed. The meeting resumed while ballots were being counted.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in support of Great Bay Services. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved article 15. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Theresa Blades spoke to the article and said it was a work program for mentally challenged young adults. She said this is another case of being the right thing to do.

Article 15 passed by card vote.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in support of SeaCare Health Services. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation and the Budget Committee does not recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Peter Bolduc moved article 16. Gene Cordes seconded.

Andy Kohlhofer came to the microphone and discussed the Budget Committee's non-recommendation because they thought that there were other agencies out there that provided the same services, such as www.needymeds.com.

Jean Ragonese came to the microphone and indicated she is on the Board of Directors at Lamprey Health Care and said they provide the same services and more.

Heidi Carlson asked if Lamprey would also provide free medications. Ragonese said they would and offered her assistance for finding out more about the needs Fremont has in this regard.

The Moderator declared Article 16 defeated by hand vote. YES 23 NO 48.

**The Moderator read the results of Article 14: YES 70 NO 22
Article 14 passed by ballot vote.**

The Moderator read ARTICLE 17: Polling hours in the Town of Fremont are now 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Shall we place a question on the State election ballot (November 2008) to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm for all regular State elections beginning September 2010, the next state election?"

Paula Wall asked why the polls would close at 7:00 pm and not 8:00 pm.

Heidi Carlson stated that most elections involve people waiting to vote at 7:00 am, which is what brought this question forward to the voters. Carlson stated that it can be amended on the floor of this meeting to a different opening or closing time.

Neal Janvrin stated that voters are waiting in line as early as 7:00 am on an election day in order to vote before going to work.

Paula Wall made a motion to amend Article 17 to have the polls open 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Neal Janvrin seconded.

Gene Cordes called the question. Peter Bolduc seconded.

**Amendment to have the polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm passed.
Article 17 passed as amended.**

The Moderator read ARTICLE 18: Polling hours in the Town of Fremont are now 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Shall the Town vote to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm for all regular Town and School District elections beginning March 2009?

Gene Cordes moved article 18. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Heidi Carlson explained that the polling hours for all types of elections should be the same, and these questions have been worded to get all State and Federal elections as well as Town elections on the same schedule.

Peg Pinkham made a motion to amend article 18 to have the polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Gene Cordes seconded.

**Amendment to have the polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm passed.
Article 18 passed as amended.**

The Moderator read ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town wants to discontinue, effective January 2009, printing and mailing of the monthly Fremont Newsletter. The estimated savings of not printing and mailing 1,600 copies is \$5,800. We would print some copies available for pickup, and continue to have the document available on line.

Gene Cordes moved article 19. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Gene Cordes provided an explanation why this article was before the voters. He said that a suggestion was made to the Selectmen about stopping the printing and mailing of the monthly Fremont Newsletter. Selectmen felt the people should decide this issue since it was the people who initially put the newsletter funding into place. If defeated, the Newsletter would still be posted on the Town's website, and nominal copies would be available at a few locations around town.

Paula Wall said she wished Trudie Butler was here as Trudie was one of the original founders of the Newsletter which started sometime in the 1980's. Paula made several points as to why we should continue the newsletter.

Tom Fontana said he believes the Newsletter is a vital way to convey information to the community.

Andy Kohlhofer asked for clarification. A yes vote discontinues the Newsletter a no vote will continue the Newsletter.

Article 19 is a ballot vote. Moderator Rydeen declared the polls open at 9:02 pm. He stated that the polls would remain open for 15 minutes, as 20 minutes was proven not needed in previous ballot vote articles.

At 9:17 pm the Moderator announced the polls were closed. The meeting resumed while ballots were being counted.

Moderator Rydeen said that he had been asked for the names of the persons requesting the secret ballot votes. He read the list aloud: Keith Stanton, Linda Stanton, Tom McGall, Elaine McGall, and Neil Rowland.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town wants to discontinue mailing the Annual Fremont Town Report, effective for the report that would be mailed in February 2009. The estimated saving of not mailing 1,750 copies, and printing a lesser quantity is \$2,000 to \$3,000 depending on the page count each year. Sufficient copies will be printed and available for pickup at various town locations, at the meeting locations, and the document is available on line.

Gene Cordes moved Article 20. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Gene Cordes said that Board of Selectmen had received a suggestion by a resident asking the Board to reduce the number of printed copies and not go to the expense of mailing them, particularly if they are available for pickup and on line. He said that the Board did not want to provide less information, and felt this made it less available. He further said that the Board felt that the voters should decide if this practice should be stopped.

Andy Kohlhofer said it is a perpetual issue for the Budget Committee because of all of the ones that are discarded.

Heidi Carlson said the Town is still obligated to print Town Reports, but would not have to print as many if they were not being mailed out.

Don Miller asked to amend the article to say that if Article 20 passes, that the first three years of savings be funneled into the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. Theresa Blades seconded.

John Ryan, Town Counsel said the motion was out of order as it changes the substance of the article.

Paula Wall said that it is important we have accurate Town information now that we are voting by ballot under SB2.

Article 18 passed by hand vote.

The Moderator read the results of Article 19: YES 18 NO 60

Article 19 was defeated by ballot vote.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town wants to discontinue printing in the even years, in the Annual Fremont Town Report, the listing of property owners and assessed valuations. This information has always been available in hard copy at the Selectmen's Office, is available on line, and from the taxpayer terminal in the Selectmen's Office. The estimated savings of not printing these 40 pages in the Town Report is \$1,500 every other year.

Peter Bolduc moved Article 21. Gene Cordes seconded.

Gene Cordes said that now that property assessments are available on line and at all times in the Selectmen's Office, the Selectmen wanted to bring this to the voters for a vote.

Paula wall stated that she agrees with the Selectmen that it is not necessary to have this information printed, because it is more available.

Article 21 passed by hand vote.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to accept deeded title to Kenniston Way (approximately 925 feet) as designated on Plan # D-32408 from Glen Hutchins / Wayne Copp / CoppHutch Enterprises, with a two year maintenance bond to be held by the Town in the amount of \$11,613. (Majority vote required.)

Gene Cordes moved Article 22. Peter Bolduc seconded.

Guerwood Holmes explained the process of how the roads come to the point of becoming an accepted Town road.

Article 22 passed by hand vote.

The Moderator read ARTICLE 23: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Keith Stanton spoke how Ruth Anderson is an avid SB2 supporter. He made a motion to designate SB2 as Ruth's Law in Fremont. Linda Stanton seconded.

Motion failed by hand vote.

Michael O'Keefe former Selectmen from 1992 - 1995 spoke about Selectmen Peter Bolduc's dedication to the Town of Fremont. He extended his sincere appreciation to Peter, who is retiring this year after many years of serving as a Selectman in Fremont.

Gene Cordes then presented Peter with a Town hat and a shirt and extended a thank you and utmost appreciation to him for his years of service.

Don Gates also spoke how he has enjoyed working with Peter and appreciates his calming voice and presence that he brings to the Board.

Philip Peterson spoke how this is the last Town Meeting and how he is glad that he was able to attend this historic meeting.

At 9:40 pm, Gene Cordes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Bolduc seconded. There was a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Holmes
Town Clerk